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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USE OF USAF LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRCRAFT FROM
CHARLESTON AFB TO ASCENSION ISLAND AIRFIELD

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1. THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) WILL FERRY THE FIRST TWO
OF ITS RECENTLY ACQUIRED BRITISH JAGUAR AIRCRAFT FROM GREAT
BRITAIN TO ECUADOR DURING THE PERIOD 6-10 JANUARY VIA MONROVIA,
ASCENSION AND RECIFE. DOD HAS ALREADY GRANTED PERMISSION FOR
THOSE FERRY FLIGHTS TO LAND AND REFUEL AT THE USAF BASE ON
ASCENSION ISLAND (REF D). FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING THE FAE HAS
REQUESTED THAT THE USAF CARRY ANY NECESSARY REPLACEMENT PARTS
FROM CHARLESTON AFB TO ASCENSION AIRFIELD ON ONE OF ITS
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REGULARY SCHEDULED LOGISTIC SUPPORT FLIGHTS. THIS
SERVICE IS REQUESTED ONLY FOR REASONABLY SIZED PARTS
SUCH AS GENERATORS, RADIO EQUIPMENT, ETC. THOSE PARTS
WOULD BE TRANSPORTED BY COMMERCIAL MEANS TO CHARLESTON FROM
THE UK. OVERSIZED PARTS, SUCH AS AN ENGINE, WOULD BE
TRANSPORTED EITHER BY FAE AIRCRAFT OR CHARTER AIRCRAFT

DIRECT FROM THE UK. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS REQUEST IS IN THE NATURE OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING ONLY AND HOPEFULLY SUCH SERVICES WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE UTILIZED.

2. THE FAE HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THERE ARE NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT SERVING ASCENSION ISLAND. WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE STATUS OF UNSCHEDULED CARRIERS BUT WOULD NOTE THAT CHARTERING A SPECIAL AIRCRAFT FOR THE DELIVERY OF SMALL PARTS WOULD SEEM TO BE AN UNREASONABLE BURDEN ON THE FAE. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT REQUIRING THE FAE TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGMENTS WOULD MATERIALLY INCREASE THE LOGISTICAL BURDEN ON ASCENSION AIRFIELD WHICH WOULD HAVE TO FEED AND HOUSE THE CREWS AND PARK THE AIRCRAFT AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT THIS SERVICE IS BOTH REASONABLE AND, IF APPROVED, WOULD SERVE TO SOLIDIFY OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FAE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD AUTHORIZE THE USE OF REGULAR SUPPORT FLIGHTS IF NECESSARY FROM CHARLESTON TO ASCENSION ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE INDICATED.
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